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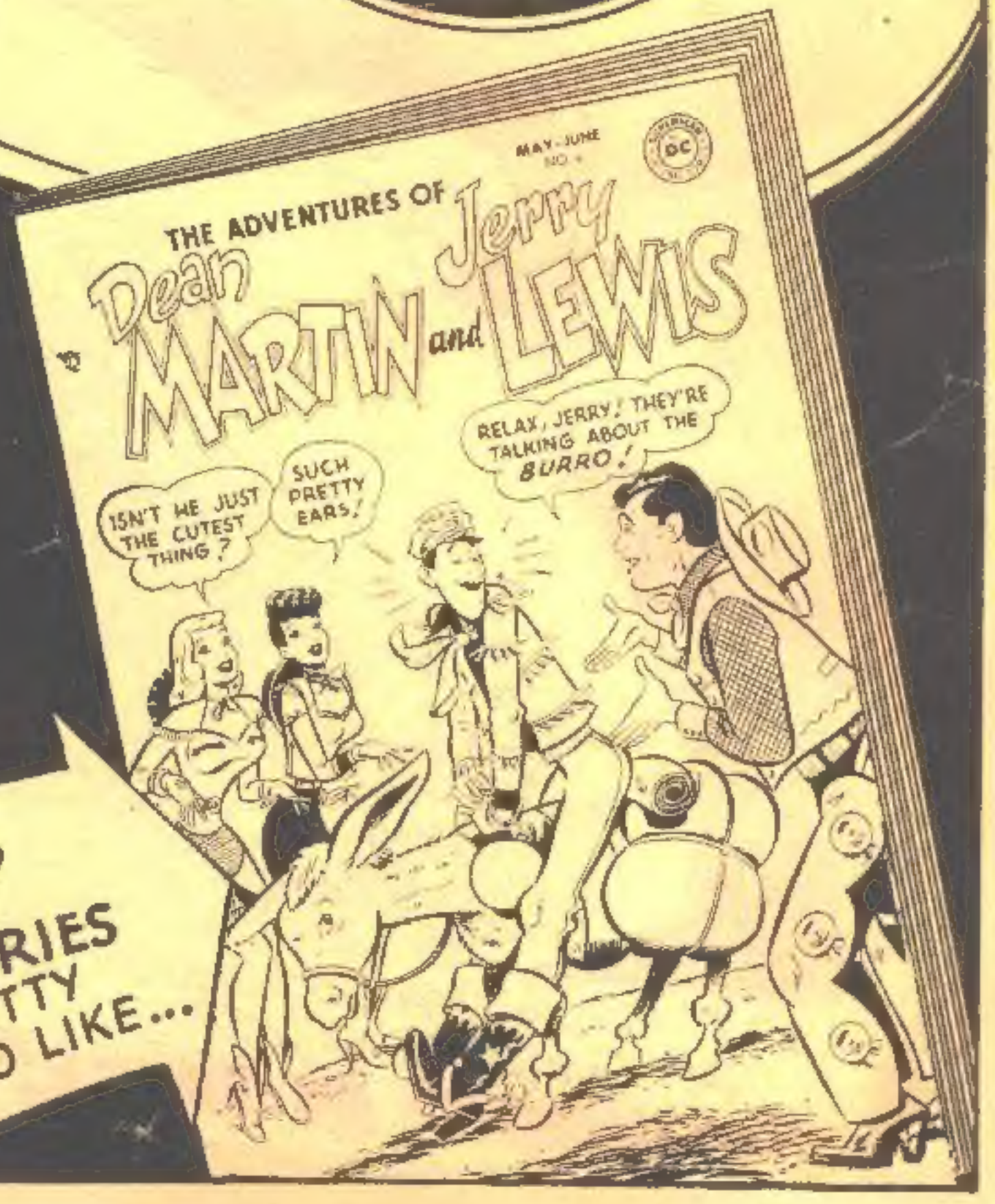

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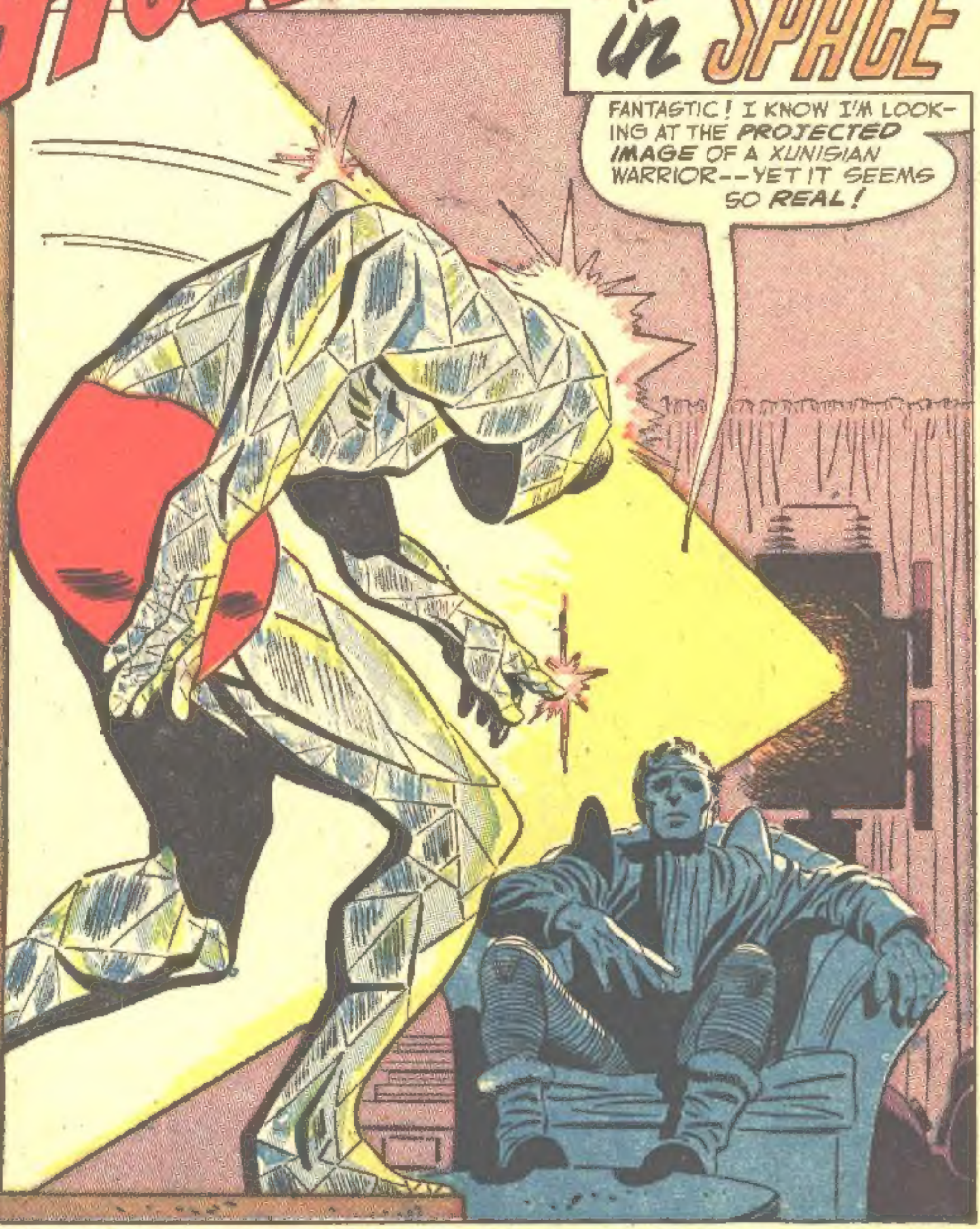

WEBB WELDON'S FATE AS A MOVIE DIRECTOR HUNG ON THE SUCCESS OF A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR PICTURE--A SPECTACULAR SPACE-ADVENTURE THAT HE HAD MADE ON ACTUAL LOCATION...ON UNKNOWN AND ULTRA-DISTANT WORLDS! AND FAME SEEMED WITHIN HIS GRASP UNTIL THAT MOMENT, BACK ON EARTH, WHEN HE RAN PART OF THE FOOTAGE HE HAD SHOT ON THE STRANGE AND VERY FRIENDLY PLANET OF XUNIS...

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IN THE WORLD OF THE 27TH CENTURY, THERE IS A CERTAIN BOX OF THE STRONGEST METAL KNOWN... AND UNDER IT A STRANGE INSCRIPTION...

UNDER PERIL OF THE DESTRUCTION OF EARTH--NEVER OPEN THIS BOX!

THE BOX IS GUARDED NIGHT AND DAY BY SPECIALLY—SELECTED VOLUNTEERS...

A NEW RECRUIT IS IN YOUR OFFICE, CAPTAIN--TO TAKE THE PLACE OF THE BOX GUARDIAN WHO DIED YESTERDAY...

BEING A GUARDIAN OF THE METAL BOX IS A LIFETIME JOB! ONLY TO THEM IS ITS SECRET REVEALED...

DO YOU PROMISE THAT YOU WILL NEVER REVEAL WHAT YOU ARE ABOUT TO BE TOLD TO ANYONE?

I PROMISE!

THE STORY OF THE BOX BEGINS LONG AGO... WITH AN AMBITIOUS YOUNG DIRECTOR IN THE MOVIE INDUSTRY IN NEW HOLLYWOOD! HIS NAME WAS WEBB WELDON...

"WELDON'S DREAM WAS TO MAKE SCIENTIFILMS ON ACTUAL LOCATION--IN SPACE!"

WITH A MOBILE STUDIO--BUILT INTO A ROCKETSHIP--I COULD GO TO UNKNOWN WORLDS--USE THEM AS BACKGROUNDS FOR A GREAT ADVENTURE STORY!

IT WOULD COST MILLIONS! BESIDES, WELDON--

YOU'D BE STAKING YOUR ENTIRE CAREER ON THIS ONE PICTURE! DO YOU REALIZE THAT?

IF YOU GENTLEMEN WILL GAMBLE YOUR MONEY, I'LL GAMBLE MY CAREER! JUST GIVE ME THE CHANCE!

"THEY AGREED! MONTHS LATER, WELDON'S EXPEDITION WAS ON THE EDGE OF THE OUTERMOST ROCKET LANES..."

HAVE YOU CHECKED THE FILM-PACKS IN ALL THE VACUO-CAMERAS, BRENT?

DID THAT THIS MORNING, CHIEF! WE'RE ALL SET!

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"DURING THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED, THE EXPEDITION FILMED MANY THINGS NEVER BEFORE SEEN BY HUMAN EYES..."

THE LIFE-FORMS ON THIS WORLD LOOK LIKE A LOT OF CHIMNEYS, BRENT!

CAREFUL, CHIEF!

THEY'RE SHOOTING OUT BLACK SMOKE! THEY MUST BE GETTING MAD--! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

WE'VE GOT ABOUT ALL THE FOOTAGE WE WANT!

"IN A REMOTE CORNER OF GALACTIC SPACE, THE REMAINS OF A SPACE-TRAGEDY WAS SIGHTED..."

THE EARTH-MARS EXPRESS! FOR YEARS IT'S BEEN A MYSTERY WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT ROCKET-LINER!

AND HERE IT IS--DRIFTING MILLIONS OF MILES AWAY FROM ITS DESTINATION!

EARTH-MARS EXPRESS

WE OUGHT TO BOARD IT, CHIEF! MAYBE WE COULD FIND OUT HOW IT GOT WRECKED!

SOMETHING'S COMING, BRENT! TO THE SPACE-PLATFORM--QUICK!

"MOMENTS LATER... THE MOVIE-MAKERS WERE RECORDING A FANTASTIC SPECTACLE..."

Y-YOU SUPPOSE THAT MONSTER IS WHAT WRECKED THE SPACE-SHIP?

I DON'T KNOW... AND IT LOOKS LIKE WE MAY NEVER FIND OUT! WE CERTAINLY CAN'T GET ANY CLOSER TO *THAT* THING!

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"THE EXPEDITION SHIP NEARLY GOT TOO CLOSE! IT SPED AWAY JUST IN TIME..."

WHEW! WITH MONSTERS LIKE THAT AROUND, I GUESS WE WON'T GO ANY FURTHER INTO UN-KNOWN SPACE, RIGHT, CHIEF? DO WE TURN BACK NOW?

NO, BRENT! WE'RE PUSHING ON! OUR STORY DEMANDS A CERTAIN LOCALE--AN ENTIRELY NEW WORLD WITH INTELLIGENT, FRIENDLY CREATURES ON IT!

"DID THE PLANET THEY SOUGHT REALLY EXIST? THEY COULDN'T TELL... UNTIL ONE DAY..."

COME DOWN, EARTH-MEN! DO NOT FEAR! COME DOWN!

A VOICE FROM OUR RECEPTOR--SPEAKING IN OUR OWN LANGUAGE!

"THEY USED THE VOICE AS A BEAM! IT LED THEM TO A TINY WORLD HALF-HIDDEN BY COUNTLESS MOONS..."

THIS PLACE IS STRANGE ENOUGH! BUT, CHIEF--YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LEAVE THE SHIP?

GOT TO RISK IT--FOR THE SAKE OF OUR PICTURE!

"THE INHABITANTS TURNED OUT TO BE AS FRIENDLY AS THEY SOUNDED! BUT WELDON HAD TO CONCEAL A SHOCK AT THEIR APPEAR-ANCE..."

WE LEARNED YOUR SPEECH BY LISTENING TO YOUR SHIPS COMMUNICATE WITH ONE ANOTHER! YOU SEE, WE HAVE RAY-SETS--AND GREAT SCIENCE! BUT WE CANNOT TRAVEL THROUGH SPACE!

ER--WHY NOT?

BECAUSE WE ARE MADE OF CRYSTAL! THE ACCELERATION OF A SPACESHIP WOULD SHATTER US! SO WE ARE DOOMED NEVER TO LEAVE XUNIS!

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"IN EVERY WAY, THE NATIVES COOPERATED WITH THEIR GUESTS FROM EARTH..."

I WANT TO FILM A CHARGE BY A CROWD OF XUNISIANS-- WITH WEAPONS--AS IF ATTACKING US AND OUR SHIP!

WE WILL BE HAPPY TO ACCOMODATE YOU, EARTHMAN WELDON!

"THAT DAY... THE XUNISIANS OUTDID THEMSELVES."

GREAT STARS! THEY'VE BROUGHT OUT THEIR WHOLE ARMY! ARE YOU S-SURE THIS ISN'T A ***REAL*** ATTACK, CHIEF?

KEEP THOSE CAMERAS GOING, BRENT! THEY'RE JUST PUTTING ON A GOOD SHOW FOR US, THAT'S ALL!

I--I HOPE SO!

KLAK! WHIRRRRR!

KLAK!

KLAK! KLAK!

"WELDON TRUSTED THE XUNISIANS COMPLETELY! HE EVEN HAD HIMSELF FILMED IN A HAND-TO-HAND FIGHT WITH ONE OF THEM..."

YOU DIE, EARTHMAN!

THESE ALIENS ARE POWERFUL! IN ACTUAL COMBAT, I WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST THEM!

"FINALLY THE DIRECTOR HAD ALL THE FOOTAGE HE WANTED..."

THANKS TO THE XUNISIANS WE'VE GOT A SPACE ADVENTURE THAT WILL BE WILDFIRE AT THE BOXOFFICE!

CHIEF, I STILL DON'T TRUST THEM...

I'VE HAD A FEELING ALL ALONG THAT THE XUNISIANS ARE UP TO SOMETHING--SOMETHING DIABOLIC!

AND THAT'S WHY THEY'VE HELPED US? HA! HA! BRENT, YOU'RE JUST SUSPICIOUS BY NATURE!

"SOON AFTER... THE EXPEDITION SHIP TOOK OFF, AS THE NATIVES WAVED FAREWELL..."

STILL THINK THEY WERE OUT TO HARM US, BRENT?

WELL--GUESS IT LOOKS LIKE I DID THEM AN IN-JUSTICE, AFTER ALL!

"BACK HOME, WELDON REPORTED AT ONCE TO HIS BACKERS..."

HERE IT IS, GENTLEMEN--OUR PICTURE--IN FOUR CONTAINERS OF THE NEW, INDESTRUCTIBLE SPACE-FILM! IN ONE WEEK I'LL FINISH THE CUTTING...

HURRY IT ALONG, WELDON!

WE'RE PREPARING SIMULTANEOUS PREMIERES ON ALL NINE PLANETS! LET US HAVE THE FINISHED PRINT AS SOON AS YOU POSSIBLY CAN!

ONE WEEK--OR LESS! THAT'S A PROMISE, GENTLEMEN!

"FOR ABSOLUTE PRIVACY, WELDON LOCKED HIMSELF IN THE EXPEDITION SHIP AT NEW HOLLYWOOD SPACEPORT..."

I CAN CUT THIS SPECIAL FILM BETWEEN THE FRAMES--BUT NOTHING CAN CUT OR EVEN SCRATCH THE FRAMES THEMSELVES! NOW TO RUN A BIT OF IT... AND SEE HOW IT LOOKS ON THE SCREEN...

"AS A SAMPLING, THE MOVIE-MAKER CHOSE THE SCENE IN WHICH HE HIMSELF APPEARED..."

IT'S TERRIFIC! THE CRYSTAL STRUCTURE OF THE XUNISIAN--GLEAMING SO BRIGHTLY--MAKES HIM SEEM ABSOLUTELY REAL UP THERE! WHAT AN EFFECT!

"BUT... AS THE PROJECTOR WAS SHUT OFF, A MOMENT LATER..."

QUICK!

HUH? AM I SEEING TH-THINGS? THE XUNISIAN IS STILL THERE!

YES, EARTHMAN WELDON! I AM STILL HERE!

"THE XUNISIAN WAS REAL--ALL TOO REAL! WELDON STAGGERED BACK, DAZED..."

W-WHAT KIND OF SORCERY IS THIS?

NO SORCERY--MERELY XUNISIAN SCIENCE! WHEN YOU FILMED US BACK ON XUNIS, OUR FOURTH—DIMENSIONAL IMAGES WERE IMPRISONED ON THE FILM...

NOW... BY PROJECTING OUR IMAGES, YOU THRUST US BACK INTO THE THIRD DIMENSION AGAIN! YOU SEE, EARTHMAN, WE HAD LONG WISHED TO INVADE YOUR PLANET! BUT, SINCE WE COULD NOT TRAVEL IN SPACE...

...OUR DESIRE SEEMED HOPELESS! THEN YOU CAME ALONG...AND GAVE US OUR OPPORTUNITY! AFTER I SLAY YOU, I SHALL RUN OFF THE REST OF THE FILM, RELEASING OUR ARMY AND ITS ULTRA-SCIENTIFIC WEAPONS...

"HORRIFIED AND DESPERATE, THE DIRECTOR LUNGED WILDLY ACROSS THE SHIP'S CONTROL ROOM..."

ONE CHANCE-- IF I CAN REACH THAT LEVER--

FOOL! YOU THRASH ABOUT LIKE A TRAPPED ANIMAL! BUT NEVERTHELESS-- YOU DIE!

"IT WAS VERY CLOSE! WELDON YANKED ON THE LEVER--STARTING THE SHIP OFF--JUST AS THE XUNISIAN FIRED..."

HE MISSED! I KNOCKED HIM OFF BALANCE--AND THE ACCELERATION INTO SPACE IS STARTING TO SHAKE HIM TO PIECES!

ZIP!

"AT TOP SPEED, THE MOVIE-MAKER DROVE THE EXPEDITION SHIP UPWARD... UPWARD... UNTIL..."

NOTHING NOW... BUT A PILE OF CRYSTAL IN FRONT OF ME! WHEN I THINK OF THE CATASTROPHE I NEARLY BROUGHT ON EARTH...; WHEW!-

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"LATER... WHEN THE MOVIE FINANCIERS NEXT SAW HIM..."

WELL, WELDON? WHEN CAN WE RELEASE THE PICTURE?

NEVER! MY PICTURE WILL *NEVER* BE RELEASED!

"WELDON KNEW THAT HIS DECISION MEANT THE END OF HIS MOVIE CAREER, BUT HE STUCK TO IT..."

FOR FEAR OF SRREADING PANIC, ONLY THE HIGHEST OFFICIALS OF THE GOVERNMENT WERE TOLD OF THE PERIL LOCKED IN THE FILM CONTAINERS...

I SEE! AND SINCE THE FILM WAS INDESTRUCTIBLE, IT'S BEEN PUT IN THE METAL BOX--TO BE GUARDED FOREVER!

AS THE ELDERLY CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD WALKS AWAY, HE LEAVES THE YOUTHFUL RECRUIT THOUGHTFUL...

AN INTERESTING STORY! BUT IS IT REALLY TRUE? HOW COULD THE CAPTAIN KNOW WHAT PASSED THROUGH THE MIND OF POOR WELDON? OH! HE DROPPED SOMETHING--HIS IDENTIFICATION DISK!

NIMBLY, THE YOUNG MAN RETRIEVES THE FALLEN OBJECT... AND AS HE LIFTS IT UP...

WEBB WELDON RANK CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD

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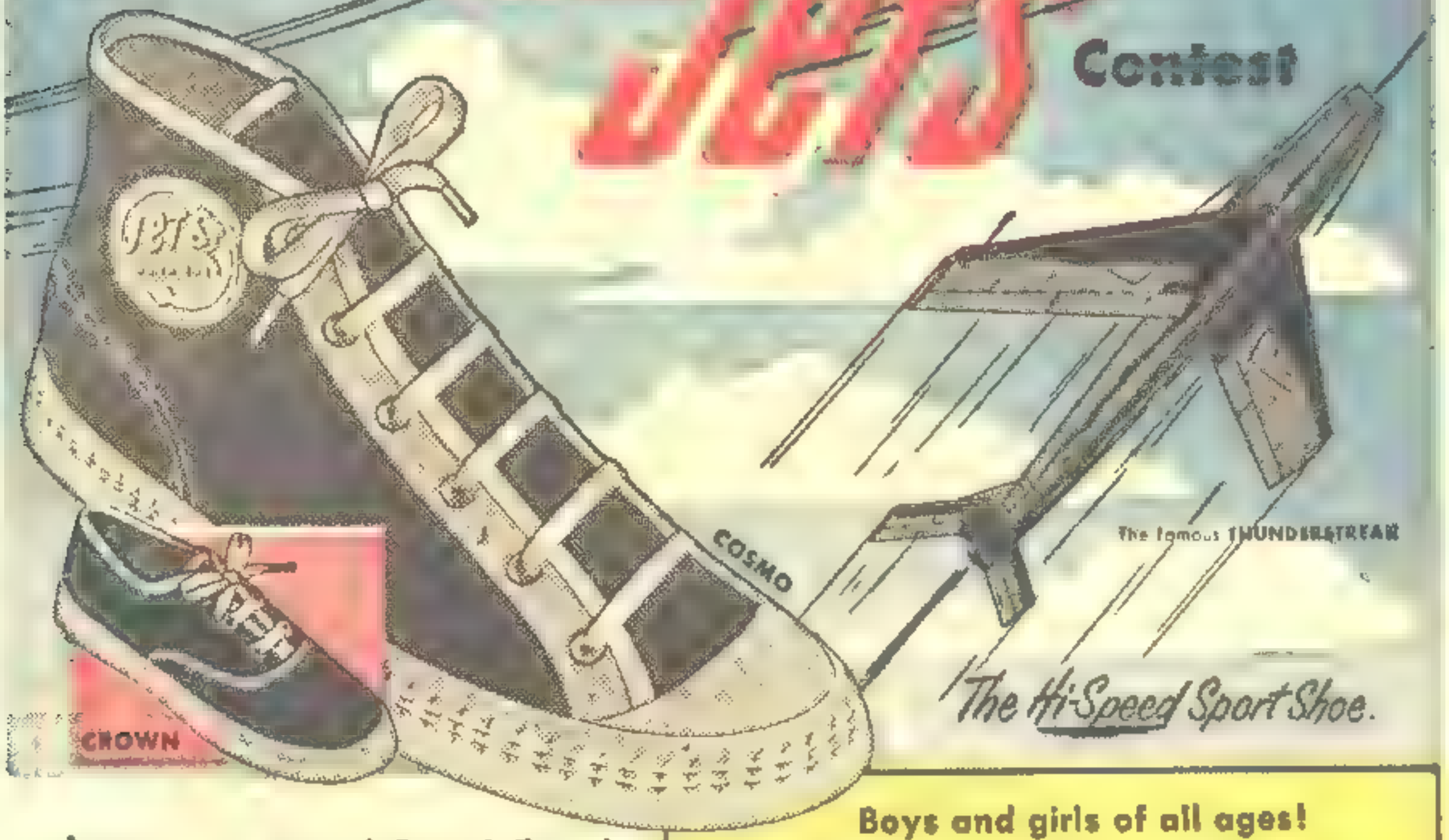

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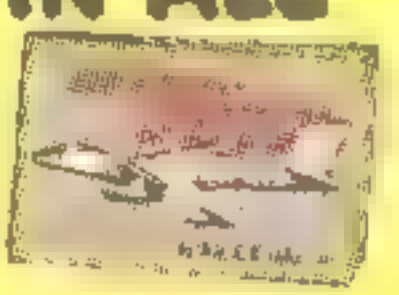

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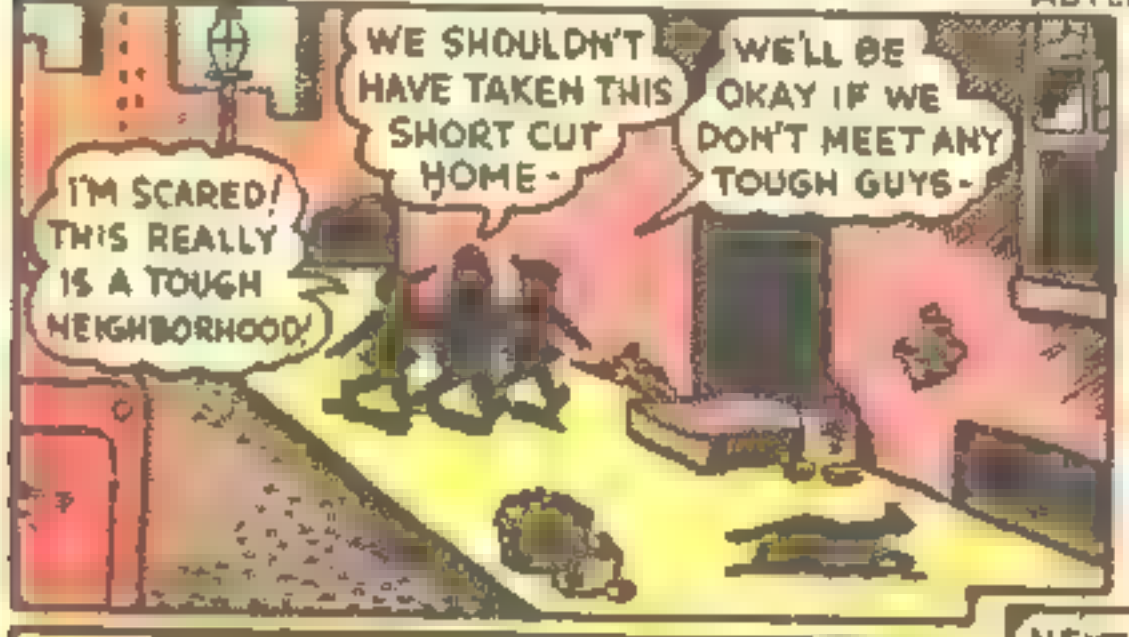
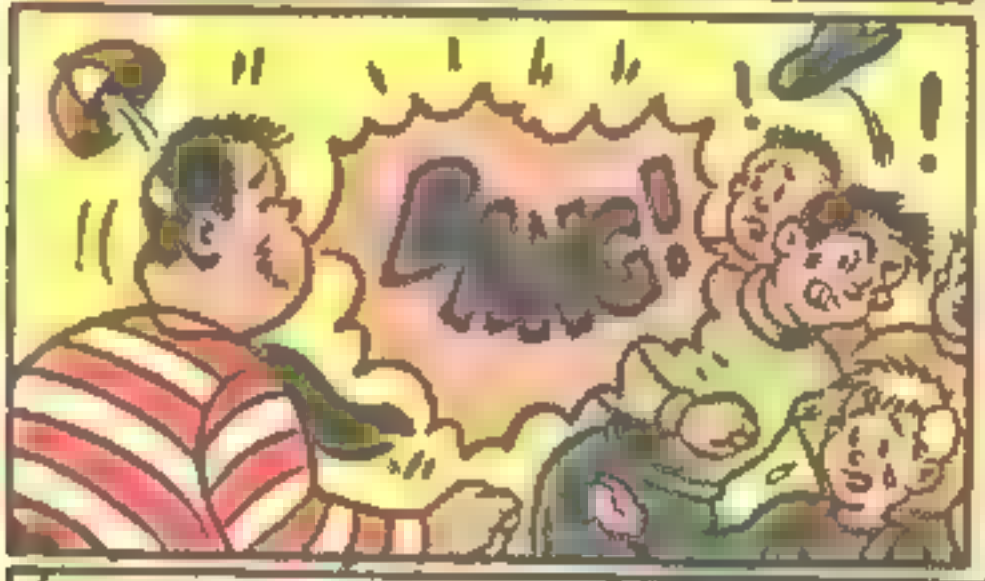
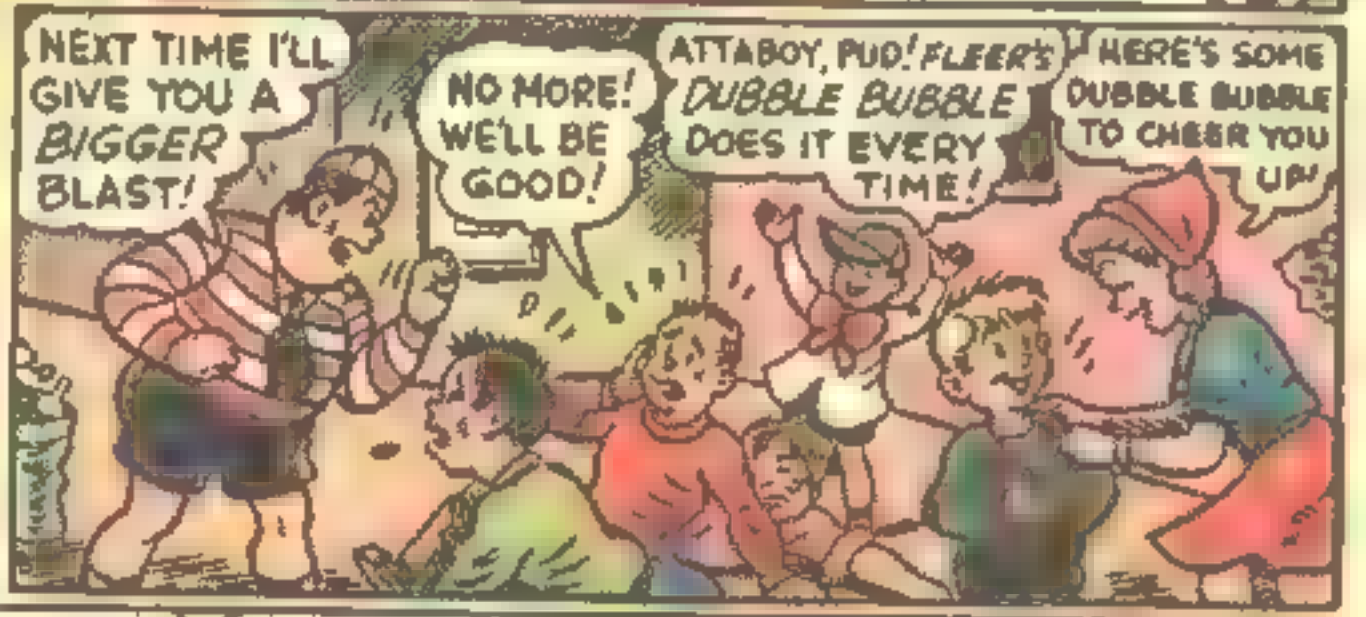

I'M SCARED! THIS REALLY IS A TOUGH NEIGHBORHOOD!
WE SHOULDN'T HAVE TAKEN THIS SHORT CUT HOME -
WE'LL BE OKAY IF WE DON'T MEET ANY TOUGH GUYS -




NEXT TIME I'LL GIVE YOU A BIGGER BLAST!
NO MORE! WE'LL BE GOOD!
ATTABOY, PUD! FLEER'S DUBBLE BUBBLE DOES IT EVERY TIME!
HERE'S SOME DUBBLE BUBBLE TO CHEER YOU UP!

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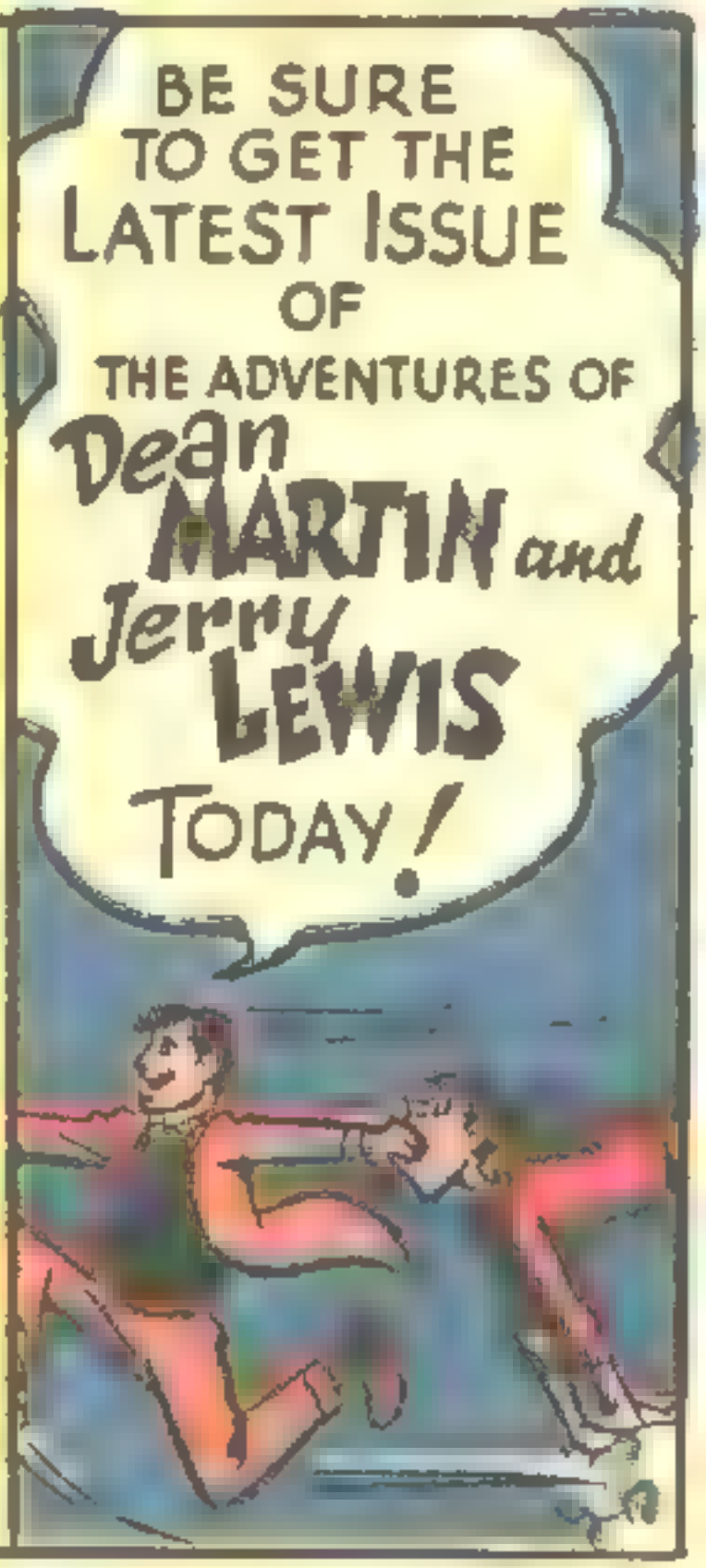

DESTINATION—STAR

SCIENTISTS HAVE SET A THEORETICAL LIMIT TO THE SPEED WITH WHICH A SPACE-SHIP CAN TRAVEL--186,000 MILES A SECOND... THE SPEED OF LIGHT. YET SOMEDAY, IF MANKIND IS TO TRAVEL TO THE FAR DISTANT STARS, IT WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL ***FASTER*** THAN LIGHT!
THIS IS THE STORY OF MAN'S FIRST ATTEMPT TO CRACK THE "*LIGHT BARRIER*"... AND THE AMAZING AFTERMATH OF THAT JOURNEY!

THEY BEAT ME TO THIS STAR PLANET, ALL RIGHT, BUT I WARNED THEM ***THIS*** WOULD HAPPEN IF THEY TRAVELED FASTER THAN LIGHT!

AT A SPACE-LAUNCHING PLATFORM, SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE...

I WARN YOU, CRANDALL! DON'T USE THAT COSMIC-RAY POWERED SPACE-SHIP TO TRAVEL FASTER THAN LIGHT, OR YOU'LL RUN INTO DISASTER!

WHEN YOU BREAK THROUGH THE LIGHT BARRIER, IT MIGHT WRECK YOU PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY!

NONSENSE, GORDON! THAT'S JUST AN OUTMODED SUPERSTITION! TAKE YOUR SLOW ROCKET SHIP, AND WE'LL RACE YOU TO A STAR PLANET! THEN WE'LL SEE WHO'S RIGHT AND WHO'S WRONG!

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SOON AFTER RALFE GORDON'S SHIP, THE *SPACE TURTLE*, LUMBERS SLOWLY STARWARD AT 62,000 MILES A SECOND...

IT'LL TAKE ME ABOLT 26 YEARS TO REACH THE NEAREST INHABITABLE STAR PLANET! BUT I'LL GET THERE SAFELY--I'M SURE OF IT!

PASSING SATURN... TIME TO PUT ON AUTOMATIC CONTROLS AND GO TO SLEEP...

AND SO RALFE GORDON LIES DOWN IN A PREPARED BED, IN WHICH HE WILL SLEEP FOR FIVE YEARS IN A STATE OF SUSPENDED ANIMATION...

THIS IS THE ONLY WAY I CAN TRAVEL TO A STAR, AND STILL REACH MY DESTINATION A COMPARATIVELY YOUNG MAN!

MEANWHILE, THE FASTER-THAN-LIGHT *STAR ROAMER* HAS SHOT PAST THE OUTERMOST PLANET IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM ONE HOUR AFTER TAKE-OFF!...

OUR COSMIC DRIVE ENABLES US TO MOVE MANY TIMES THE SPEED OF LIGHT! POOR GORDON! IF HE LIVED IN THE MID-20TH CENTURY, HE'D BE AFRAID TO FLY A PLANE FASTER THAN THE SPEED OF SOUND!

THE NEAREST *INHABITABLE* STAR PLANET TO EARTH IS ONE THAT SWINGS AROUND THE "*DOG STAR*" *SIRIUS*, 51 MILLION MILLION MILES FROM THE EARTH TRAVELING AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT (*186,000 MILES PER SECOND*) IT WOULD TAKE **8.8** YEARS TO REACH IT. BUT THE FASTER-THAN-LIGHT *STAR ROAMER* TAKES ONLY TWO MONTHS...

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IN HIS CABIN RALFE GORDON AWAKES AFTER FIVE YEARS' SLEEP, AND CHECKS INSTRUMENTS...

I'LL HAVE TO GO BACK TO SLEEP IN A LITTLE WHILE. JUST TAKE TIME TO SWALLOW A FEW FOOD PILLS AND CHECK MY COURSE! WONDER WHAT'S HAPPENED TO JACKSON AND BRAND IN THE ***STAR ROAMER*** ?

FINALLY, 26 YEARS AFTER IT HAS LEFT THE EARTH, GORDON'S ***SPACE TURTLE*** SWINGS OVER SIRIUS' STAR PLANET...

I MADE IT... SAFE AND SOUND!

THE ***STAR ROAMER*** WRECKED!

GOT TO FIND OUT IF ANY OF THE CREW IS STILL ALIVE!

SUDDENLY... RALFE COMES TO A HALT, AS HE SPIES SOMETHING A SHORT DISTANCE OFF...

NO--OH, ***NO!*** I WAS AFRAID SOMETHING LIKE THIS WOULD HAPPEN!

JACKSON! BRAND! IS THAT REALLY ***YOU*** ?

TRAVELING FASTER THAN THE SPEED OF LIGHT TURNED YOU BACKWARD ALONG THE EVOLUTIONARY SCALE... YOU'VE REVERTED TO *CAVEMEN!*

YOU'VE LOST YOUR MEMORIES AND POWERS OF SPEECH! YOU'RE NO BETTER THAN WILD ANIMALS!

HU!

UGH! GLUG MOK?

YOU SEE WHAT I CAN DO WITH A TWIST OF MY FINGER! I CAN MAKE -- FIRE!

GLUG MOK!

UD IB SID!

HA! HA! THE FOOLS ARE BOWING DOWN TO ME! THEY SENSE I'M THEIR SUPERIOR!

I CAN'T HELP GLOATING! THEY WON THE RACE TO THE STARS -- BUT AT WHAT A PRICE!

IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, A REMOTE FEELING OF KINSHIP TO THE PRIMITIVE EARTHMEN PERSUADES GORDON TO HELP THEM ADJUST THEMSELVES TO THE ALIEN PLANET...

COME HERE, JACKSON! SEE THIS WHEEL? AHHH... YOU'RE BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND HOW YOU CAN USE IT, *EH?*

IGGLE! IK! IK!

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I SHOWED THEM HOW TO USE A HAMMER AND SAW--AND THEY'RE BUILDING WARM LODGINGS FOR THEMSELVES!

EVERYDAY THEY BRING ME GIFTS AS TRIBLTE! *HA! HA!* BUT MY REAL TRIUMPH WILL COME WHEN I RETURN TO EARTH AND TELL THEM RALFE GORDON WAS SMARTER THAN ALL THOSE KNOW-IT-ALL SCIENTISTS!

I'LL STAY HERE ANOTHER WEEK, THEN GO BACK TO EARTH! PHOTOGRAPHS I HAVE TAKEN OF JACKSON AND BRAND WILL PROVE MY THEORY WAS RIGHT! NO ONE WILL EVER DARE TO TRAVEL FASTER THAN LIGHT AGAIN!

A FEW DAYS LATER, IN THE SMASHED REMAINS OF THE FASTER-THAN-LIGHT SHIP, A MAN'S HAND MOVES...

THE ***STAR ROAMER*** CRASHED AND KNOCKED ME COLD! HOW LONG HAVE I BEEN LYING HERE?..

I WONDER WHERE MY FELLOW SPACE-TRAVELERS ARE... AND WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THEM...?

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RALFE GORDON--AND HIS SHIP! I CAN TAKE US BACK TO EARTH--! GORDON! GORDON--WAIT FOR ME!

AS HE PAUSES IN THE DOORWAY, CRANDALL SCREAMS IN HORROR...

GORDON, YOU FOOL--YOU'RE WRECKING THE CONTROLS! NOW WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO LEAVE THIS PLANET!

ME GOT NEW TOYS! YOU SEE UM?

PRETTY BEADS! MAKUM ME HANDSOME!

HE'S CHANGING--BECOMING A SAVAGE! THEN--THE OTHERS--MUST HAVE SUFFERED THE SAME FATE!

IT WAS THE STRANGE, DESTRUCTIVE RAYS OF ***SIRIUS*** THAT CHANGED THEM! SHIELDED FROM THOSE RAYS IN THE WRECK OF THE ***STAR ROAMER***, THEY DIDN'T AFFECT ME! THE ONLY DANGER IN TRAVELING TO THE STARS FASTER THAN LIGHT IS THE ***STARS*** THEMSELVES!

THE END

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Yes,

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ANOTHER JIM WISE "P-F" ADVENTURE STORY

HEY, SAM! THAT MAN'S TRYING TO WRECK A TRAIN!

I'LL FLAG DOWN THE FREIGHT. SURE GLAD JIM WISE TOLD US ABOUT "P-F's"

AND I'LL CALL THE STATE TROOPERS!

JIM WISE TELLS WHY "P-F" CANVAS SHOES *HELP YOU GO FULL SPEED LONGER!*

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THIS RED SHIRT MAKES A GOOD STOP SIGNAL... I HOPE!

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AND HELPED CAPTURE A DANGEROUS FOREIGN AGENT

OUR "P-F's" HELPED US GO FULL SPEED!

TAKE A TIP FROM JIM WISE!

GET YOUR "P-F" CANVAS SHOES TODAY AND SEE FOR YOURSELF HOW THEY HELP:

...LESSEN FOOT AND LEG MUSCLE STRAIN

...INCREASE ENDURANCE

...YOU GO FULL SPEED LONGER

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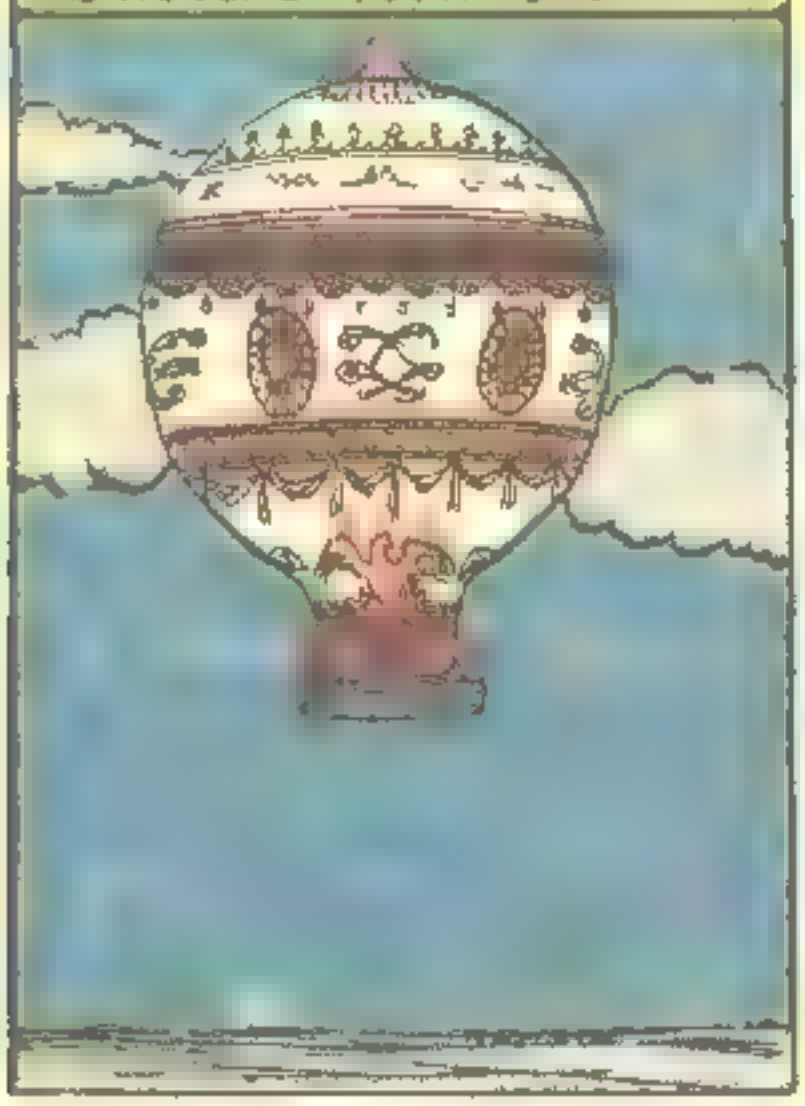
INSIST ON "P-F" CANVAS FOR MEN AND BOYS AT YOUR FAVORITE SHOE DEALER

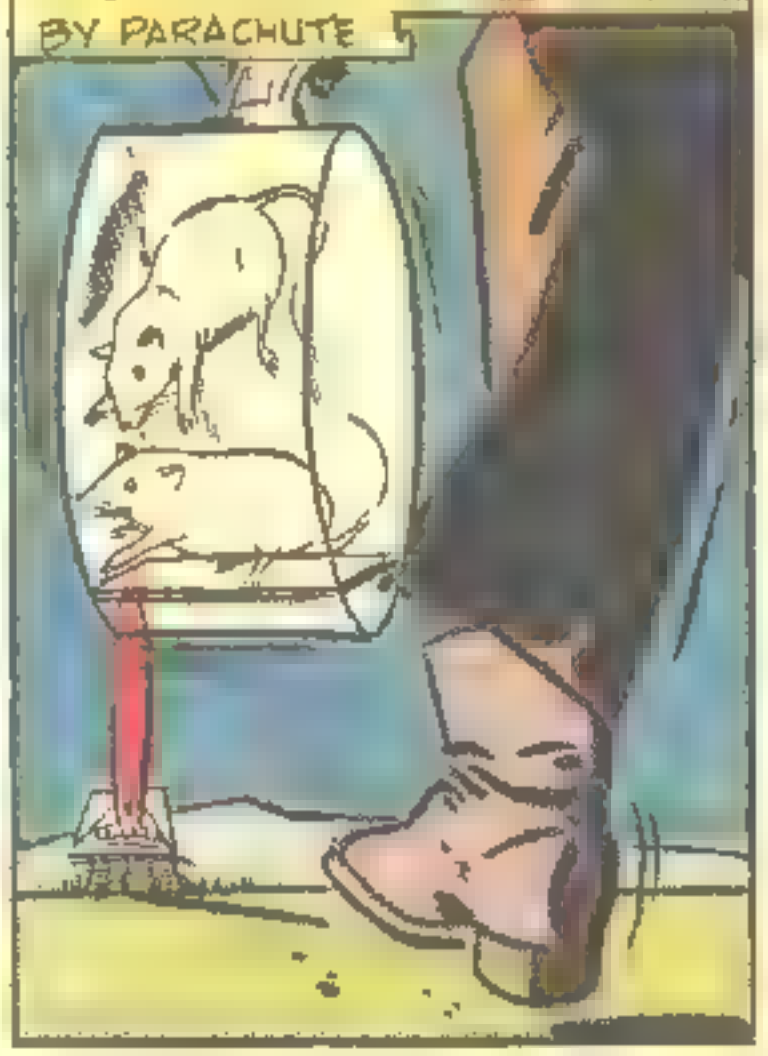
First into SPACE

THE FIRST AIRCRAFT PASSENGERS TO SOAR OVER THE EARTH WERE A SHEEP, A ROOSTER, AND A DUCK-- A FEAT ACCOMPLISHED ON SEPTEMBER 19, 1783 BY MEANS OF A MONTGOLFIER HOT-AIR BALLOON...



IN 1951, A CREW OF WHITE MICE AND MONKEYS WERE ROCKETED TO A HEIGHT OF 80 MILES ABOVE THE EARTH IN V-2 AND AEROBEE ROCKETS, TO DETERMINE THE PHYSICAL EFFECTS OF SPACE-FLIGHT.

AFTER FLOATING WEIGHTLESS IN A PLEXIGLASS CONTAINER INSIDE THE ROCKETSHIP FOR TWO MINUTES, THE MICE RETURNED SAFELY TO EARTH BY PARACHUTE



THE FIRST EARTH CREATURES TO FLY TO THE MOON WILL PROBABLY BE DOGS AND CATS, IN ORDER TO CHECK THE FEASIBILITY OF HUMANS REACHING THERE ALIVE...

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MAGIC TRICKS

THE MAGICAL SUGAR CUBE

Have somebody mark his initials on a cube of sugar with a *soft* black lead pencil. Then drop the cube in a glass of water. Take his hand and hold it over the glass. When the cube has dissolved the mark will be on *his hand!*

WHILE HE IS MARKING THE SUGAR

While he is marking the sugar, wet your thumb. When you drop the cube in the glass, press your wet thumb on the mark. It'll come off on your thumb. While you hold his hand over the glass, press your thumb on his hand and the mark will come off on it.

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Here's a slick trick to make chocolate milk like magic—and make it disappear even faster! Just use *new* Baker's 4 in 1. *Instantly* new Baker's 4 in 1 makes luscious, more chocolate-y chocolate milk that tastes so extra-special good it'll be down the hatch in a flash! Tell Mom it's the *fun* way to drink milk and ask her to get you the large 1-lb. economy size of new Baker's 4 in 1 Instant Cocoa Mix.

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HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO EAT A JUICY VENUSIAN STEAK? OR TASTE THE RARE FLAVOR OF A MARTIAN PIE? YOU CAN SAMPLE SUCH A RARE MENU RIGHT NOW--TODAY--IF YOU DINE AT THE EATERIE THAT'S RIGHT OUT OF THIS WORLD...

The INTERPLANETARY RESTAURANT!

A STEAK DIRECTLY FROM MARS!

POTATOES FROM PLUTO-- YUM-YUM!

BUT HOW DO THEY GET THIS TERRIFIC FOOD WHEN SPACE-TRAVEL HASN'T BEEN PERFECTED YET?

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HEY, LU! GET A LOAD OF THIS AD! "COMING SOON--AN INTERPLANETARY RESTAURANT! STEAKS FROM SATURN--MUTTON FROM MERCURY--VEGETABLES FROM VENUS!"

IT'S CUTE BUT IT'S PROBABLY A PUBLICITY STUNT OF SOME KIND!

IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, HOWEVER CONSTRUCTION OF THE AMAZING NEW RESTAURANT PROCEEDS AT FULL BLAST...

WHAT A MENU! I'LL BELIEVE IT WHEN I TASTE THEIR FOOD!

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JOVIAN HAMBURGER— $1.00
CHICKEN A LA MARS— $1.00

GIL KANE
JOE GIELLA

MYSTERY IN SPACE

AND, ON THAT GREAT DAY WHEN THE INTERPLANETARY RESTAURANT OPENS ENTHUSIASTIC DINERS THRONG ITS INTERIOR...

THIS PLACE IS THE WORLD'S NINTH WONDER! WHY, IT HAS THE ATMOSPHERE OF SPACE ITSELF!

FOR BLOCKS, TRAFFIC IS TIED UP AS ANXIOUS THOUSANDS ARE TURNED AWAY...

RESTAURANT

NOT ONLY THE ATMOSPHERE BUT THE FOOD AS WELL IS TRULY OUT OF THIS WORLD...

I'VE EATEN IN PARIS, LONDON AND VENICE, BUT I'VE NEVER TASTED FOOD AS DIVINE AS THIS!

I DON'T BELIEVE THIS INTER-PLANETARY BUNK, BUT I'VE GOT TO ADMIT THIS FOOD MAKES MY MOUTH WATER!

WALTER WINTERS, FAMOUS COLUMNIST, SUSPECTS A HOAX, BUT IS BAFFLED FOR AN EXPLANATION...

I'VE TASTED THE COOKING OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST CHEFS, BUT I NEVER KNEW FOOD COULD BE SO FLAVORFUL!

AS THE DAYS ROLL ON, THERE ARE THOSE RIVAL RESTAURATEURS WHO CLAMOR FOR THE LAW...

A CLEVER STUNT, BUT PROBABLY ILLEGAL!

WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF THEY'RE SELLING MEAT SUBSTITUTES, CLEVERLY DISGUISED! I'M GOING TO COMPLAIN TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH!

AND SO, WITH WALTER WINTERS ALONG FOR SOME SPOT NEWS, A HEALTH OFFICIAL VISITS THE OTHER-WORLD EATERIE...

I'M HERE TO FIND OUT WHAT IT IS YOU REALLY SERVE YOUR CUSTOMERS!

FOOD FROM VENUS, MARS, JUPITER, SATURN NEPTUNE, PLUTO! WHAT ELSE? I'LL BE GLAD TO PROVE IT TO YOU!

MYSTERY IN SPACE

A POWERFUL LIMOUSINE TAKES THE INSPECTING PARTY SOME MILES OUT OF TOWN, TO A LARGE CATTLE RANCH...

:GULP: NOW I'VE SEEN EVERYTHING!

THESE ANIMALS DON'T EXIST ON EARTH! THEY MUST HAVE COME FROM THE OUTER PLANETS--BUT ***HOW?***

HOW I GOT THEM IS ***MY*** SECRET!

I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO GIVE YOU A CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH!

THESE STRANGE CATTLE MAY SAT SFY THE BOARD OF HEALTH! BUT I WONDER, WHY ARE THEY STANDING ON THE R HEADS? AND WHY DO THEY LOOK SO SILLY? HMM... I'M AFTER NEWS...

...AND I THINK I'VE FOUND THAT NEWS! WHAT A SET-UP! WONDER IF I COULD OPERATE ANY OF THESE GADGETS MYSELF...?

SOME MOMENTS LATER, ON THE PLANET JUPITER.

SOMEONE HAS FOUND THE SPACE-TRANSFERENCE UNIT! HE IS USING IT TO CONTACT US! I SHALL ANSWER HIS QUESTIONS! THE TIME HAS ARRIVED FOR EARTH TO KNOW THE ANSWERS TO THE RIDDLE CONFRONTING THEM!

WE OF JUPITER SENT YOU THOSE ANIMALS! WE DISOLVED THEM INTO ATOMS, SHOT THEM ACROSS SPACE ON LIGHT BEAMS, AND REASSEMBLED THEM WHEN A RESTAURATEUR AGREED TO SELL THEM AS FOOD TO YOU EARTHMEN!

MYSTERY IN SPACE

BY THIS TIME, YOUR PEOPLE HAVE BECOME USED TO THIS WONDERFUL NEW FOOD! YOU WILL CLAMOR FOR MORE AND MORE OF IT! WE SHALL FURNISH IT TO YOU... IN EXCHANGE FOR YOUR URANIUM AND GOLD! IF YOU DO NOT SEND THOSE VALUABLE MINERALS TO US, WE SHALL INVADE AND CONQUER YOU!

ON EARTH AT THAT MOMENT...

TO PROVE WE CAN DO AS WE SAY, WE SEND YOU A BLASTER GUN! TRY IT OUT--THEN GIVE US YOUR ANSWER WITHIN A DAY! REMEMBER--FAIL US, AND WE INVADE THE EARTH!

GREAT SCOTT!

AS WALTER WINTERS BROADCASTS HIS SCOOP ON EVERY TV SET IN THE WORLD, ARMY ENGINEERS TEST THE JOVIAN GUN...

THE MOST TERRIFIC WEAPON WE'VE EVER SEEN! WITH THESE, ONE ARMY DIVISION COULD OVERCOME THE ENTIRE WORLD!

A FRANTIC UNITED NATIONS COUNCIL HOLDS EMERGENCY SESSIONS...

SEND THEM OUR URANIUM, OUR GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS! THAT IS A CHEAP PRICE TO PAY FOR PEACE WITH THOSE ALIEN MONSTERS!

SUDDENLY--HEADS TURN IN AMAZEMENT AS WALTER WINTERS INVADES THE U.N. SESSION...

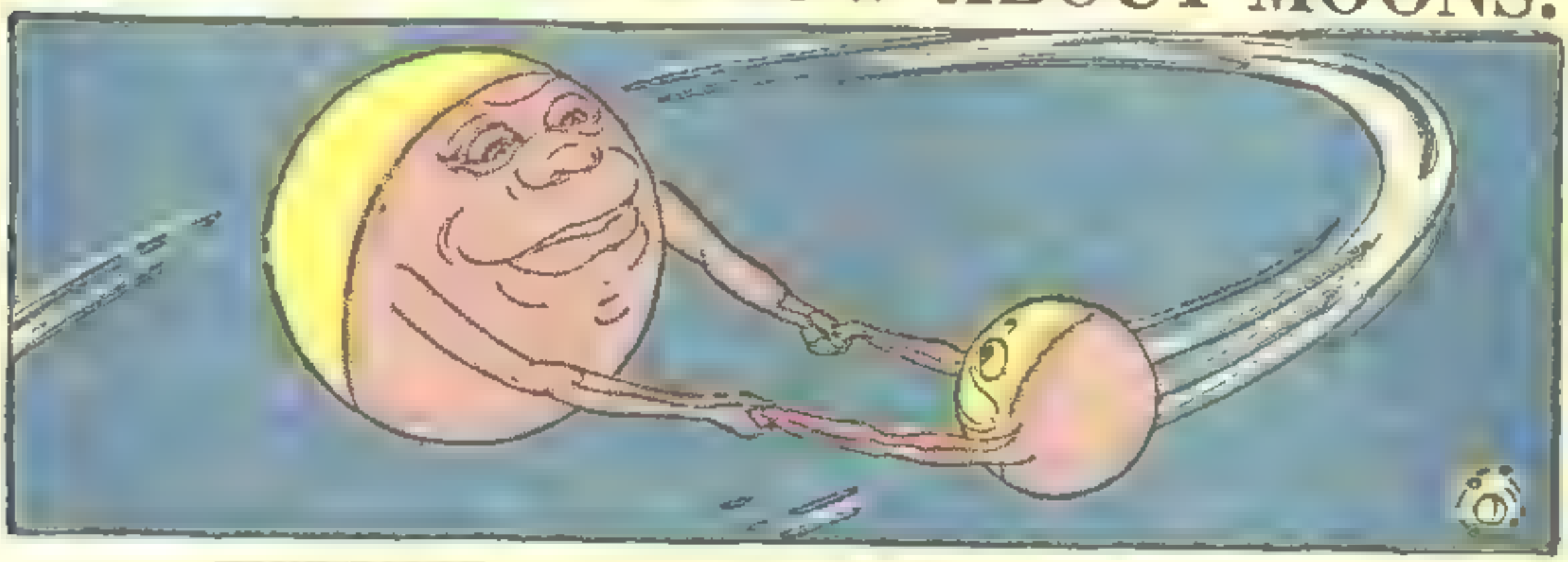
WE WON'T SEND THEM A PLUGGED PENNY, GENTLEMEN! YES... THEY SENT US ANIMALS AND A GUN... BUT--THEY ***CAN'T*** SEND ANY SOLDIERS TO INVADE US!

HOW DO ***YOU*** KNOW?

WHEN I STUDIED THOSE ALIEN ANIMALS, I DEDUCED THEY WERE ***CRAZY!*** THEREFORE, ANY SOLDIERS THE INVADERS SENT HERE WOULD ALSO BE CRAZY, FOR THE DELICATE ***BRAIN CELLS*** OF JOVIANS CANNOT SURVIVE INTERPLANETARY TRANSMISSION! CRAZY SOLDIERS WOULD BE NO THREAT, AND JUPITER KNOWS THAT! THIS IS A BLUFF, GENTLEMEN! WE'VE CALLED IT--AND THE WORLD IS SAFE!

THE END

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MOONS?



TRUE-FALSE

(Below are 10 astronomical observations about the various moons of the solar system. Select the ones that are completely correct and answer *true*; but if you spot one that is all or partly erroneous answer *false*. For each number correctly answered, credit yourself with 4 points.)

1. The Earth's moon is the only satellite that can be observed from our planet without the use of binoculars or telescopes.

2. Mercury, the smallest planet, has a greater diameter than any moon in the solar system.

3. Phobos and Deimos, the two moons of Mars, were discovered in 1877. They can be seen only through the largest telescopes and are estimated from their brightness to be about 10 miles (Phobos) and 15 miles (Deimos) in diameter.

4. Phobos is so close to Mars that when it is over Mars' equator, no Martian north or south of 69° latitude could see it.

5. Phobos' period of revolution is shorter than any other moon, and sometimes rises as often as six times in a single night on Mars.

6. Even though Phobos moves in the same direction as the outer moon, Deimos, it would seem to go the wrong way when viewed from the surface of Mars.

7. Jupiter has so many moons that it eclipses or is eclipsed by one or more of its moons every day.

8. Observations of the eclipses of Jupiter's satellites served to give the first proof of Einstein's theory of relativity.

9. Strangely enough, the order of the discovery of the satellites of Saturn matches the exact order of their distances from the planet.

10. The moons of Uranus are distinctive in that they all revolve very nearly in the plane of the planet's equator.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

(Herewith are presented 10 more facts about the moons of the solar system. However, only *one* of a trio of statements is correct. Make your choice and take 2 points for each alternate correctly answered.)

1. As of the end of 1952, the total number of moons in the solar system was (a) 21, (b) 31, (c) 41.

2. The honor of possessing the satellite with the greatest speed belongs to (a) Mars, (b) Earth; (c) Jupiter.

3. The only planet in the solar system that has a moon with an atmosphere is (a) Saturn, (b) Uranus, (c) Neptune.

4. The Earth's moon ranks number (a) one, (b) six, (c) ten in size among all the solar system's satellites.

5. In relation to the size of its mother planet, the moon of (a) Earth, (b) Jupiter, (c) Saturn ranks largest.

6. Although Phobos has a diameter of only 10 miles, as seen from Mars it would appear to a Martian to be about (a) 1/10, (b) 1/5, (c) 1/3 the size of Earth's full moon.

7. Jupiter's 12 moons are sometimes designated by Roman numerals, to correspond to the order of their (a) discovery, (b) size, (c) distance from the planet.

8. There is no danger of any of Jupiter's moons colliding with one another, for the closest any of its two moons can approach each other is (a) 2,000, (b) 2,000,000, (c) 2,000,000,000 miles.

9. Neptune's second satellite is too faint to be observed visually with any existing telescope. Accordingly, it had to be discovered with the aid of (a) mathematics, (b) photography (c)spectroscope.

10. The last satellite discovered—Nereid—belongs to the planet (a) Neptune, (b) Pluto, (c) Saturn.

MISSING WORD

(Supply the missing word to complete the following facts about moons of the solar system. Each word correctly given is worth 5 points.)

1. The term moon or satellite is reserved in astronomy for comparatively small planet-like objects that revolve about individual planets in _____.

2. One of the most important functions of a moon is that it enables astronomers to determine the _____ of the planet around which it revolves.

3. Mercury, Venus, and _____ are the only planets which do not possess any moons.

4. All the moons of the planetary system which lie relatively close to their mother planets move in very nearly _____ orbits, while the remoter moons usually have eccentric orbits.

5. Four of _____ moons were, in a sense, the first heavenly bodies discovered, having been found in 1610 by Galileo with the aid of a telescope.

MATCHING COLUMNS

(In the first column are listed the names of five planets. In column two are given certain moon features of these planets, but in incorrect order. Tag the right planet to the moon feature and take 3 points for each of the correctly joined planet-moons.)

1. Jupiter	A. Planet with 9 moons
2. Mars	B. Planet with largest moon
3. Earth	C. Names of moons—Ariel, Umbriel, Titania, Oberon, Miranda
4. Saturn	D. Planet with nearest moon
5. Uranus	E. Planet with only one moon

ANSWERS

True-False: 1, true. 2. false (Two of Jupiter's moons, Ganymede and Callisto, are larger than Mercury). 3, true. 4, true. 5, false (The most Phobos can ever rise is twice). 6, true. 7, true. 8, false (It showed for the first time that light travels with a measurable velocity and gave an estimate of its speed—186,000 miles a second). 9, false. 10, true.

Multiple Choice: 1,b. 2,c. 3,a. 4,b. 5,a. 6,c. 7,a. 8,b. 9,b. 10,a.

Missing Word: 1, orbits, 2, mass. 3, Pluto. 4, circular. 5, Jupiter's.

Matching Columns: 1-B, 2-D, 3-E, 4-A. 5-C.

RATINGS

90 to 100—You're as bright as a super-nova!

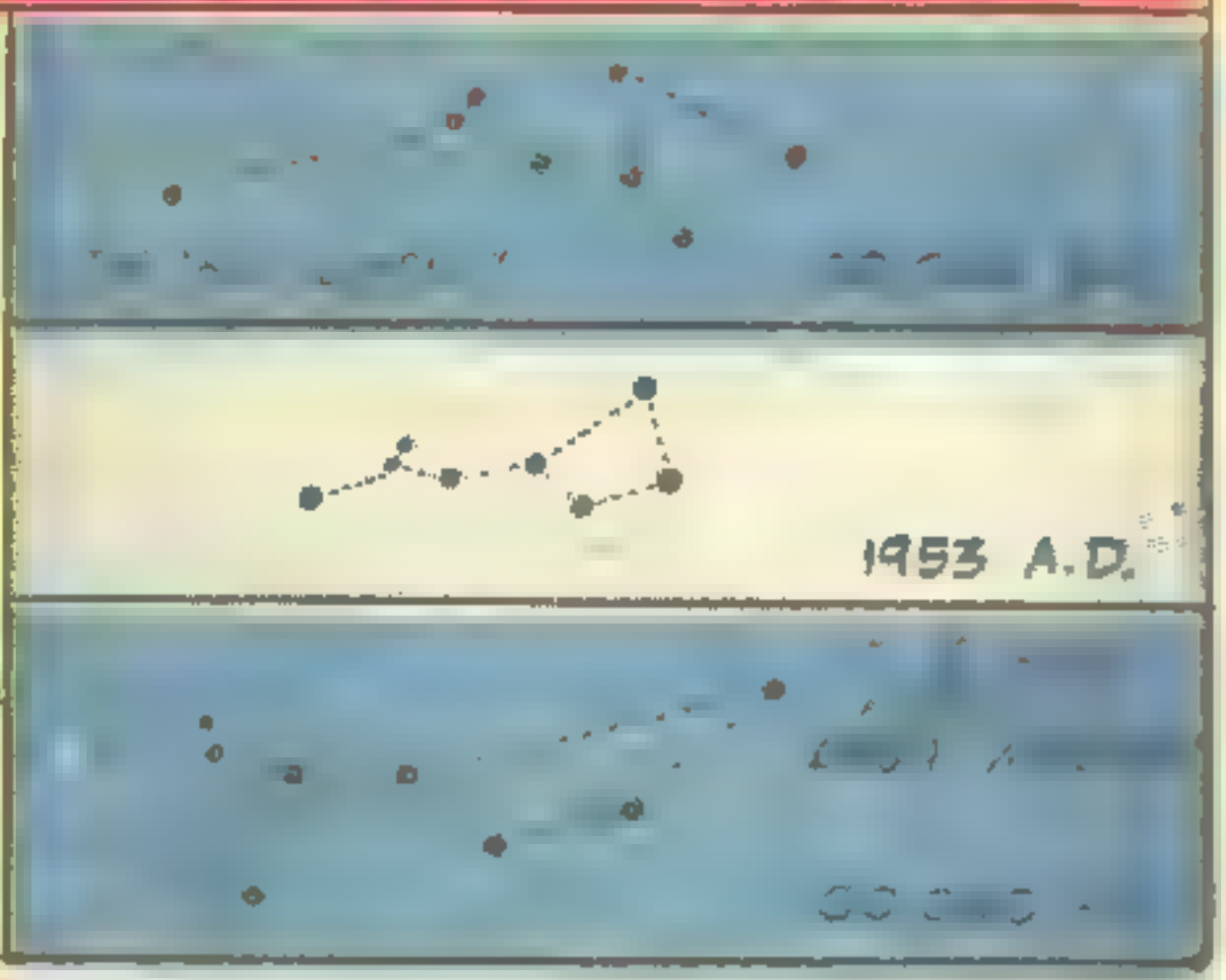
75 to 90—You're as bright as Sirus!

60 to 75—You're as bright as the full moon!

0 to 60—You're as bright as the sun during a total eclipse!

SHIFTING STAR CONSTELLATIONS!

BECAUSE STARS MOVE SO RAPIDLY THROUGH SPACE IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS, THE FAMILIAR CONSTELLATIONS WE KNOW TODAY WOULD LOOK AS STRANGE TO THE CAVEMAN OF 100,000 YEARS AGO AS IT WOULD TO OUR DESCENDENTS 1,000 CENTURIES FROM NOW..



CHANGES IN THE CONSTELLATION OF THE GREAT BEAR (THE DIPPER) IN 200,000 YEARS..

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THE CONSTELLATION SCORPIO AND THE FUTURE CHANGES (ARROWS) IN THE POSITIONS OF ITS STARS, 100,000 YEARS HENCE...

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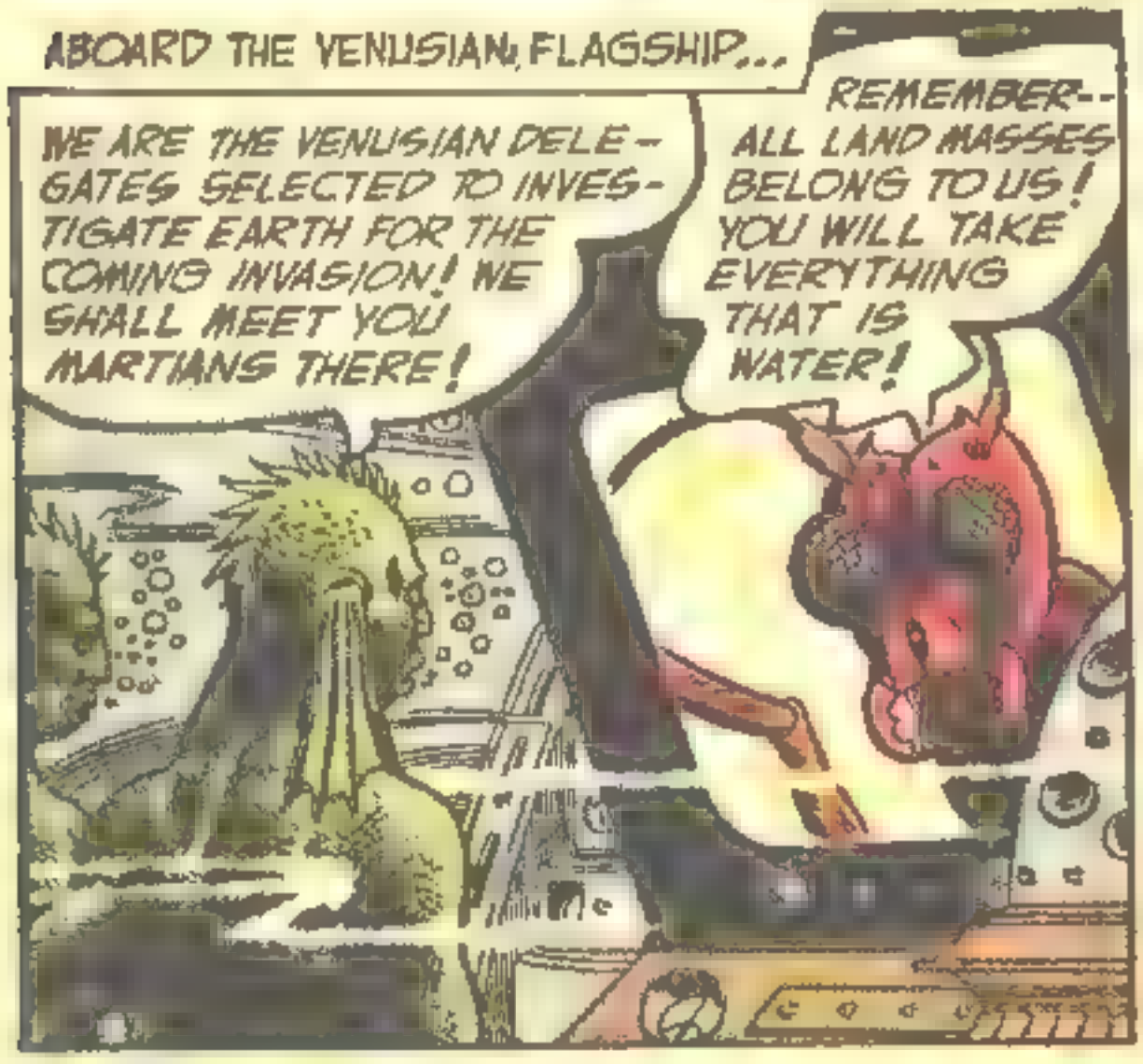
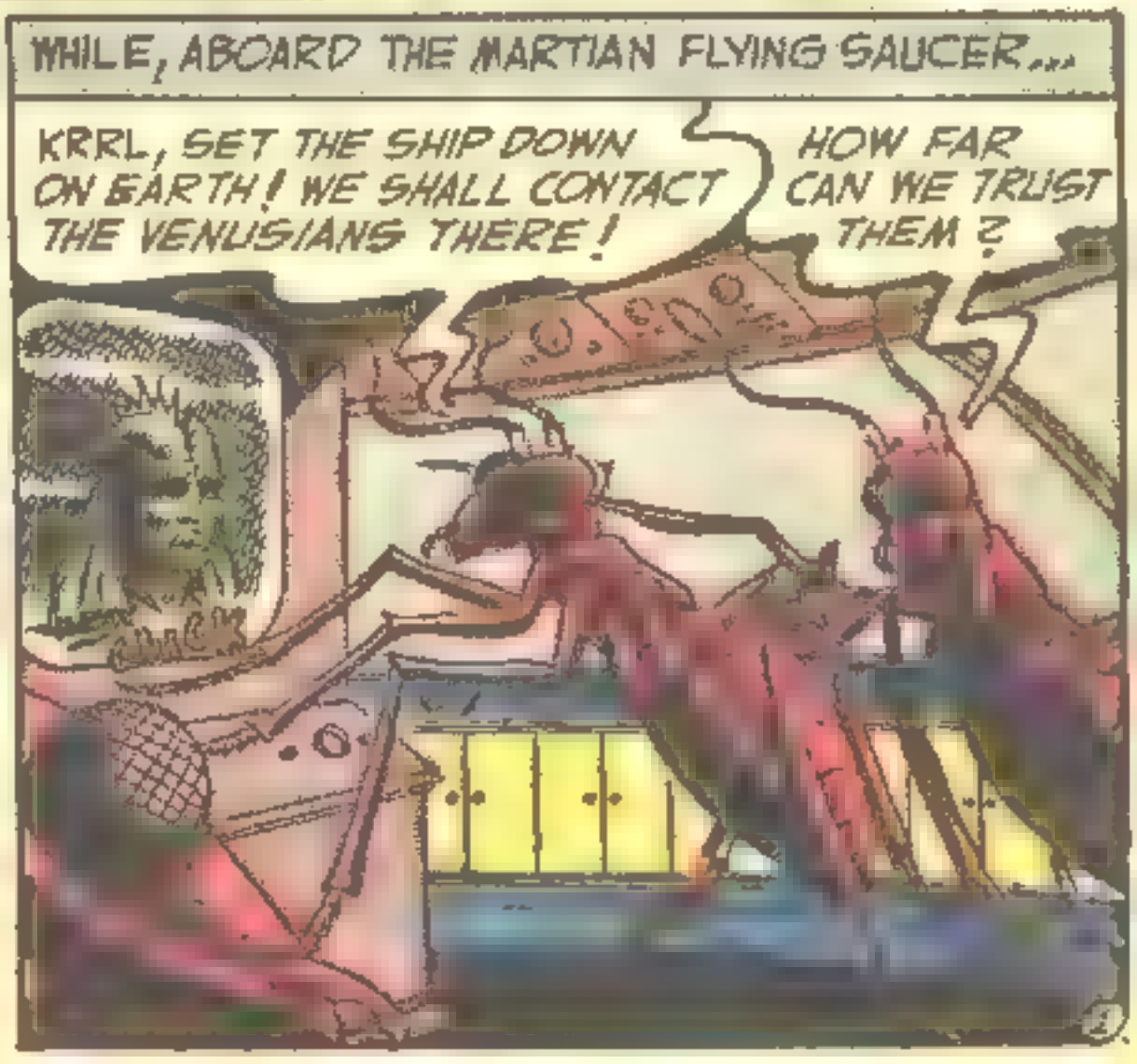
FOR OVER A HUNDRED YEARS, MARS AND VENUS HAD BITTERLY FOUGHT FOR THE SOLE RIGHT TO TAKE POSSESSION OF EARTH! BACK AND FORTH RAGED THE FURIOUS WAR IN SPACE WITH NEITHER SIDE ABLE TO GAIN AN ADVANTAGE! SUDDENLY, THE DEADLOCK WAS BROKEN AS MESSAGES WERE FLASHED TO THE OPPOSING WAR FLEETS... CEASE FIRE! ARMISTICE DECLARED!

ABOARD THE VENUSIAN FLAGSHIP...


WE ARE THE VENUSIAN DELEGATES SELECTED TO INVESTIGATE EARTH FOR THE COMING INVASION! WE SHALL MEET YOU MARTIANS THERE!
REMEMBER-- ALL LAND MASSES BELONG TO US! YOU WILL TAKE EVERYTHING THAT IS WATER!

WHILE, ABOARD THE MARTIAN FLYING SAUCER...



MYSTERY IN SPACE

WE MUST BE ON GUARD FOR ANY SIGN OF VENUSIAN TREACHERY! BESIDES, WE HAVE UNSUSPECTED ALLIES ON EARTH-- WAITING TO HELP US WHEN WE LAND!

SOON AFTER, IN THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS OF NORTH CAROLINA, WHERE TED WELLS IS VACATIONING...

A FLYING SAUCER-- LANDING ON EARTH!

BUT BEFORE TED CAN REACH THE LANDING SITE TO INVESTIGATE, HE IS CONFRONTED BY THE ANT-LIKE MARTIANS...

STAND WHERE YOU ARE, EARTHMAN-- OR YOU DIE! KRRL, TAKE HIM PRISONER!

I CAN UNDERSTAND THEM! IT MUST BE THOUGHT-TRANSFERENCE!

THE IMPRISONED EARTHMAN IS LED BACK TO HIS CABIN WHERE..

KRRL, WE GO TO MEET THE -- AND CALL IN OUR HIDDEN ALLIES! IF THE EARTHMAN MOVES, DESTROY HIM!

WHAT IS A ?

WE ARE FROM MARS, EARTHMAN! WE ARE SMALL IN NUMBER, BUT OUR WEAPONS ARE POWERFUL!

HE CAN CONVERSE MENTALLY WITH ME-- BUT CAN'T READ MY MIND! I'VE GOT TO ESCAPE--WARN THE AUTHORITIES! IF ONLY I HAD SOMETHING TO FIGHT THEM WITH--

DDT

AS TED'S EYES SCAN THE ROOM, THEY SIGHT AN UNEXPECTED WEAPON..

DDT

DDT! AND THE MARTIANS APPEAR TO BE ONLY OVERGROWN ANTS!

MYSTERY IN SPACE

SUDDENLY, TED SPRINGS TO THE DEADLY INSECTICIDE...

GOT IT!

WITHOUT A WASTED SECOND, THE EARTHMAN SPRAYS THE DDT OVER THE MARTIAN ANT...

THIS BETTER WORK! I WON'T GET ANOTHER CHANCE--!

DEAD AS A DOORNAIL! I HOPE HE DIDN'T SEND OUT A MENTAL SOS TO THE OTHERS! I'VE GOT TO ROW ACROSS THE LAKE TO MY CAR!

MEANWHILE, AT THE EDGE OF THE NEARBY LAKE...

THIS MUST BE THE EARTHMAN'S BOAT! HE--

HELP!

KRRL IS IN TROUBLE! WE'VE GOT TO HURRY BACK!

SPOTTING THE TWO REMAINING MARTIANS HEADING HIS WAY, TED SWIFTLY CLIMBS UP A TREE...

HERE THEY COME! HAVE TO CATCH THEM BY SURPRISE!

BE CAREFUL—THE EARTHMAN IS DANGEROUS!

ONCE AGAIN THE DEADLY DDT FINDS ITS MARK...

MYSTERY IN SPACE

THAT ELIMINATES THE MARTIAN THREAT! BUT WHO ARE THE R "HIDDEN ALLIES"? AND WHO OR WHAT IS THE ? I'VE GOT TO WARN WASHINGTON!

MOMENTS LATER, TED LEAPS INTO H.S BOAT...

AT LEAST IF THE R MYSTERIOUS ALLIES ATTACK ME I HAVE A RAYGUN!

SUDDENLY, AS TED ROWS ACROSS THE LAKE TOWARD HIS CAR...

EARTHMAN-- YOU DIE!

THE ALIEN I HAD A MENTAL IMAGE OF!

BEFORE HE CAN DRAW HIS RAY-GUN, TED IS DRAGGED OVER THE BOAT...

MUST DESTROY EARTHMAN BEFORE HE WARNS OTHERS OF OUR PRESENCE!

TRYING TO DROWN ME!...GOT TO GET RAYGUN OUT...!

HIS LUNGS BURSTING FOR AIR, THE UNDER-WATER PRISONER MANAGES TO REACH HIS RAYGUN AND...

I'M FREE--NOW TO RACE FOR THE SHORE!

AGHHP!

ZZZAP!

SWIMMING FOR HIS LIFE, TED MAKES THE MAINLAND...

;PHEW; THEY MUST HAVE SATURATED THE LAKE WITH A STRONG CHEMICAL! GUESS THEY NEED IT TO BREATHE UNDER-WATER!

MYSTERY IN SPACE

THEY SUNK OUT OF SIGHT BEFORE I COULD GET THEM WITH THIS RAYGUN! I CAN'T TAKE A CHANCE ON LEAVING THEM BEHIND--THEY'RE TOO DANGEROUS!

AN ELECTRIC POWERLINE! IF I CAN DROP IT INTO THE LAKE--IT MIGHT ELECTROCUTE THEM!

THERE! I GOT THE POWERLINE TO FALL INTO THE LAKE! IF THIS WILL ONLY WORK--!

A HISS OF STEAM AND A SHOWER OF SPARKS RISE FROM THE WATER AS...

S-SOMETHING'S HAPPENING TO THE LAKE! THE WATER--TURNING WHITE!

HISSSSs

THE ELECTRO-CHEMICAL REACTION TURNED THAT VENUSIAN CHEMICAL INTO--**SOLID SALT!** THE VENUSIANS HAVE BEEN TRAPPED AND DESTROYED!

AND SO, AN HOUR LATER...

NOW TO SPEED TO WASHINGTON AND WARN THE GOVERNMENT ABOUT THE MENACE OF THE FLYING SAUCERS!

MYSTERY IN SPACE

RACING TOWARD THE NATION'S CAPITAL, TED TURNS ON HIS RADIO...

...PRESENTS THE EVENING NEWS... THE GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT IS GIVING UP ITS INVESTIGATION OF FLYING SAUCERS...

NO! NO! THEY CAN'T DO THAT!

...BECAUSE SCIENTISTS HAVE ASSURED THE GOVERNMENT THAT THEY ARE ONLY HALLUCINATIONS! ACCORDINGLY, ALL RESEARCH ON FLYING SAUCERS WILL BE HALTED AS OF THIS DATE!

SUDDENLY, ALONG THE ROAD LEADING TO WASHINGTON...

MILLIONS OF ANTS! NOW I KNOW WHAT THE MARTIANS MEANT BY UNSUSPECTED ALLIES!

THE FOOLS! NOW THE MARTIANS AND VENUSIANS WILL TAKE OVER THE EARTH BEFORE THEY REALIZE WHAT'S HAPPENED!

CLICK!

THE ROADBLOCK OF ANTS FORCES TOM'S 'CAR INTO A SKID...

THE ANTS--EARTH COUSINS OF THE MARTIANS! CONTROLLED FROM MARS--SWARMING OUT FROM ANTHILLS TO OVERWHELM PLANET--SO MARTIANS CAN TAKE OVER...

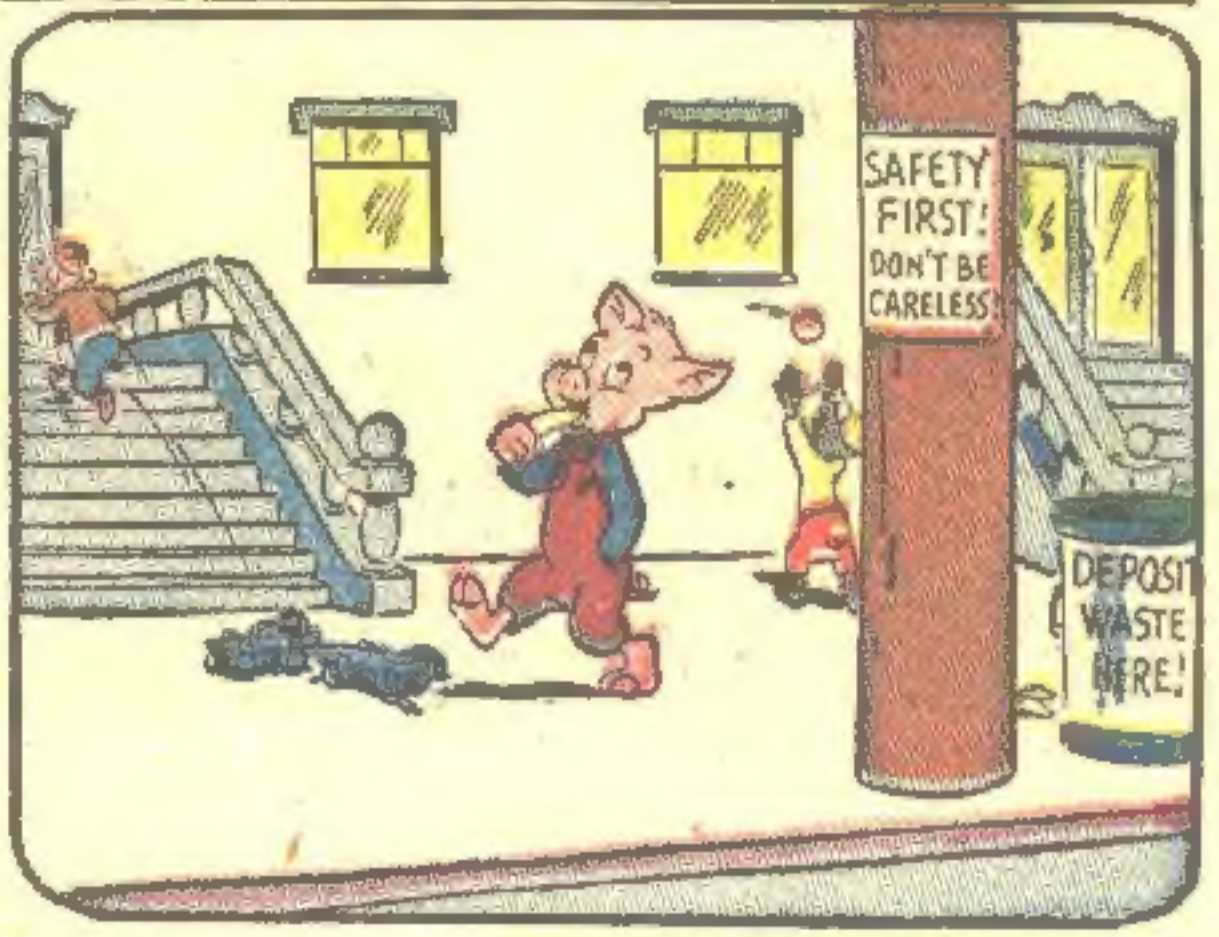
SCREEEE!

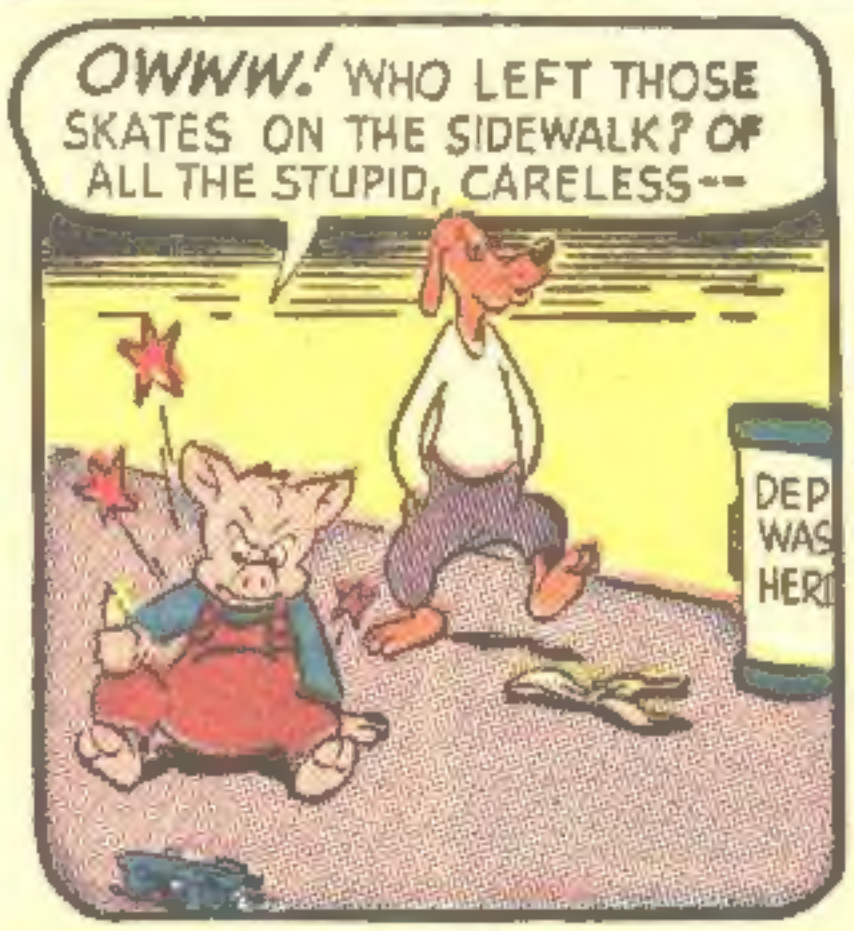
I'LL KEEP KILLING THESE ANTS AS LONG AS THE RAYGUN HOLDS OUT! BUT EARTH PEOPLE--LISTEN TO ME...

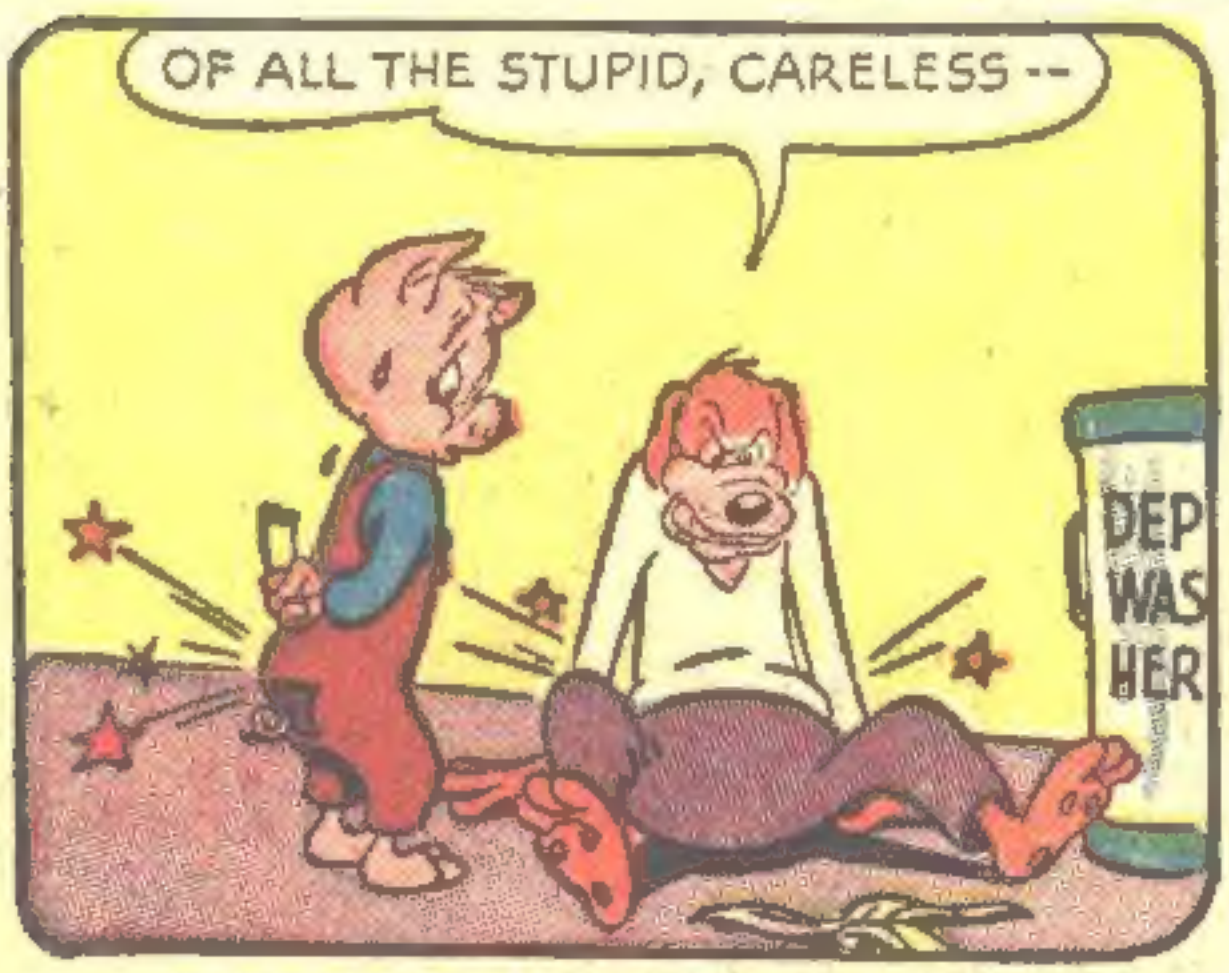
KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE SKIES! LOOK FOR--FLYING SAUCERS! INVADERS FROM MARS!

THE END

PETER PORKCHOPS learns "CARELESSNESS IS NO JOKE!"







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